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1. BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF DCM, AMBASSADOR JANOS PETRAN CALLED IN
EMBASSY COUNSELOR EISENSTADT TO REPLY TO NON-PAPER LEFT WITH PETRAN
JULY 17.

2. PETRAN READ THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS TO EISENSTADT:

A. THE HUNGARIAN VIEWPOINT ON THE QUESTIONS TOUCHED UPON IS
WELL KNOWN. IT HAS BEEN TOUCHED UPON RECENTLY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL
IN AMBASSADOR KAISER'S PRESENCE. THE HUNGARIAN STAND HAS ALSO BEEN
EXPLAINED IN THE COURSE OF OUR RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.
WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO REITERATE ALL THAT.

B. WE REGARD THIS COMMUNICATION AS STRANGE AND UNCOMMON WHICH
IN OUR JUDGEMENT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE
PROCESS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION AND IS NOT IN CONFORMITY
WITH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.

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C. WE BELIEVE THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY
SIGNATORY STATE (TO INTRUDE) INTO AFFAIRS FALLING ESSENTIALLY
WITHIN THE DOMESTIC JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER STATE AND TO MAKE THEM
THE OBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION.

3. AFTER PETRAN CONCLUDED READING THE ABOVE THREE POINTS HE ADDED
THAT HE HOPED THIS MATTER COULD NOW BE LAID TO REST SINCE IT COULD

BE INJURIOUS TO THE DEVELOPING RELATIONS BETWEEN HUNGARY AND THE UNITED STATES. HE MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER THE REPLY AS GIVEN ABOVE AS THE OFFICIAL VIEW OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE COMMENTS THAT HE ADDED WERE HIS OWN.

4. EISENSTADT TOLD PETRAN THAT HE WOULD FORWARD BOTH THE OFFICIAL REPLY AND HIS UNOFFICIAL COMMENTS TO WASHINGTON.

5. COMMENT. THE REFERENCE TO THE AMBASSADOR IN POINT (A) PROBABLY HAD IN MIND THE MEETINGS BETWEEN HARRIMAN AND KADAR, AND HARRIMAN AND PUJA, WHICH THE AMBASSADOR ALSO ATTENDED. THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED ON BOTH OCCASIONS, AND BOTH KADAR AND PUJA STATED THE HUNGARIAN POSITION ON THE TRIALS TO HARRIMAN. AS REGARDS PETRAN, IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE WAS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE SUBJECT. HE REPEATEDLY MENTIONED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER THE NON-PAPER AND THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER THE REPLY. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS FORMAL REPLY WAS STRICTLY FOR THE RECORD AND THAT THE GOH WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED THE NON-PAPER.

6. PETRAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE TRADE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN PUBLICIZED IN THE GOH REGISTER AND HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASANT AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT THE MEETING.

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